



THE ROLE OF PROFESSIONAL PARTIES IN MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

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Introduction



Merger

- Means "To combine by exchange of voting rights"

Share Exchange

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Share Dilution

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No Objection from the SEC and Court Sanction

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Scheme of Merger

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Increased Shareholders Base

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Time Consuming

End Result =
Combination of two or more
entities

Acquisition

- Means "To combine by buying another"

Cash Consideration

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No Share Dilution

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No Objection from the SEC

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Information Memorandum

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Shareholders Base

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Speedy Closure

End Result =
Acquisition of all or some
ownership stake of a company by
another entity

M&A constitutes an inorganic growth strategy that facilitates a quicker and easier way to grow market share and industry competitiveness.

Relationship Between Mergers & Acquisitions



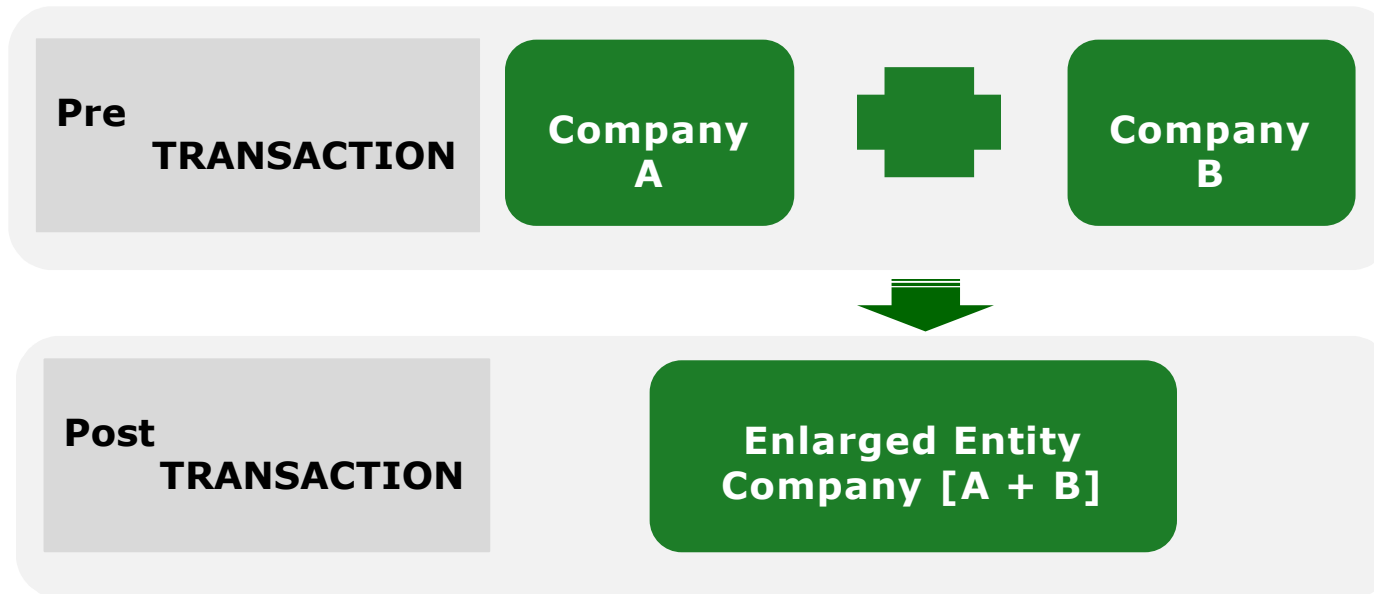
Mergers



Acquisition

Criterion	Definition	Mergers	Acquisition
Regulatory Interface	Level of regulatory interface	High	Low
Complexity of execution	The ease of executing mandates	High	Low
Valuation	Determination of consideration to be paid	Negotiated	Negotiated
Transaction Cost Implication	Overall cost of engaging Professional Parties	Moderate	Low
Estimated duration	Time required to complete execution	6 months	3-4 months
Stakeholder Acceptability	How the likely outcome is perceived	High	Low

Business Case for M&A



- Post transaction, any of the companies can become the enlarged entity or the combined entity can adopt a new name.
- Licensed Professional Parties are required for a seamless transaction execution phase

Some benefits of M&A

Increased Basket of Opportunities

More market share and access to a wider range of initiatives

"One Backbone"

Value – adding shared services via synergy

Enlarged Financial Position

Stronger asset base, shareholders' funds, cash flows, & access to capital

Regulations

M&A practice in Nigeria is based on the provisions of:

- The Investments and Securities Act 2007 ("the ISA");
- The Securities and Exchange Commission rules;
- The Nigerian Stock Exchange listing rules (for listed companies);
- The Companies and Allied Matters Act 2004 ("CAMA"); and
- Sector or industry-specific rules in many cases.

- If properly managed, M&A give rise to better, bigger and more competitive companies.
- Properly positioning a company for potential M&A opportunities is critical.
- To maximize the chances of success, M&A "parties" should be appointed well in advance to enable them prepare for what usually is a very engaging and rigorous exercise.

Selected Recent M&A Transactions in Nigeria



Announced Date	Target/Issuer	Buyers/Investors	Sellers
2014	Dangote Group	Investment Corporation of Dubai	-
2014	ETI	Qatar National Bank	-
2014	Union Bank Plc	Atlas Mara	-
30/07/2014	Brass LNG Limited	Total SA (ENXTPA:FP); Eni SpA (BIT:ENI); Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation	ConocoPhillips (NYSE:COP)
15/07/2014	Nokia Nigeria (West Africa) Limited	Microsoft Corporation	Nokia BV
10/07/2014	Union Registrars Limited	Citadel Nominees Limited	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc (NGSE:UBN)
01/07/2014	Oasis Insurance Plc (NGSE:OASISINS)	FBN Life Assurance Ltd.	Oasis Group Limited
03/06/2014	Stake in 4 Companies	Lafarge Cement WAPCO Nigeria Plc (NGSE:WAPCO)	Lafarge S.A. (ENXTPA:LG)
02/06/2014	ARM Pensions Managers Ltd	Helios Investment Partners LLP	Asset & Resource Management Company Ltd
09/05/2014	Consolidated Breweries Plc	Nigerian Breweries Plc (NGSE:NB)	Heineken NV (ENXTAM:HEIA)
18/03/2014	Union Homes Savings and Loans Plc (NGSE:UNHOMES)	ASO Savings & Loans PLC (NGSE:ASOSAVINGS)	Union Bank of Nigeria Plc (NGSE:UBN)

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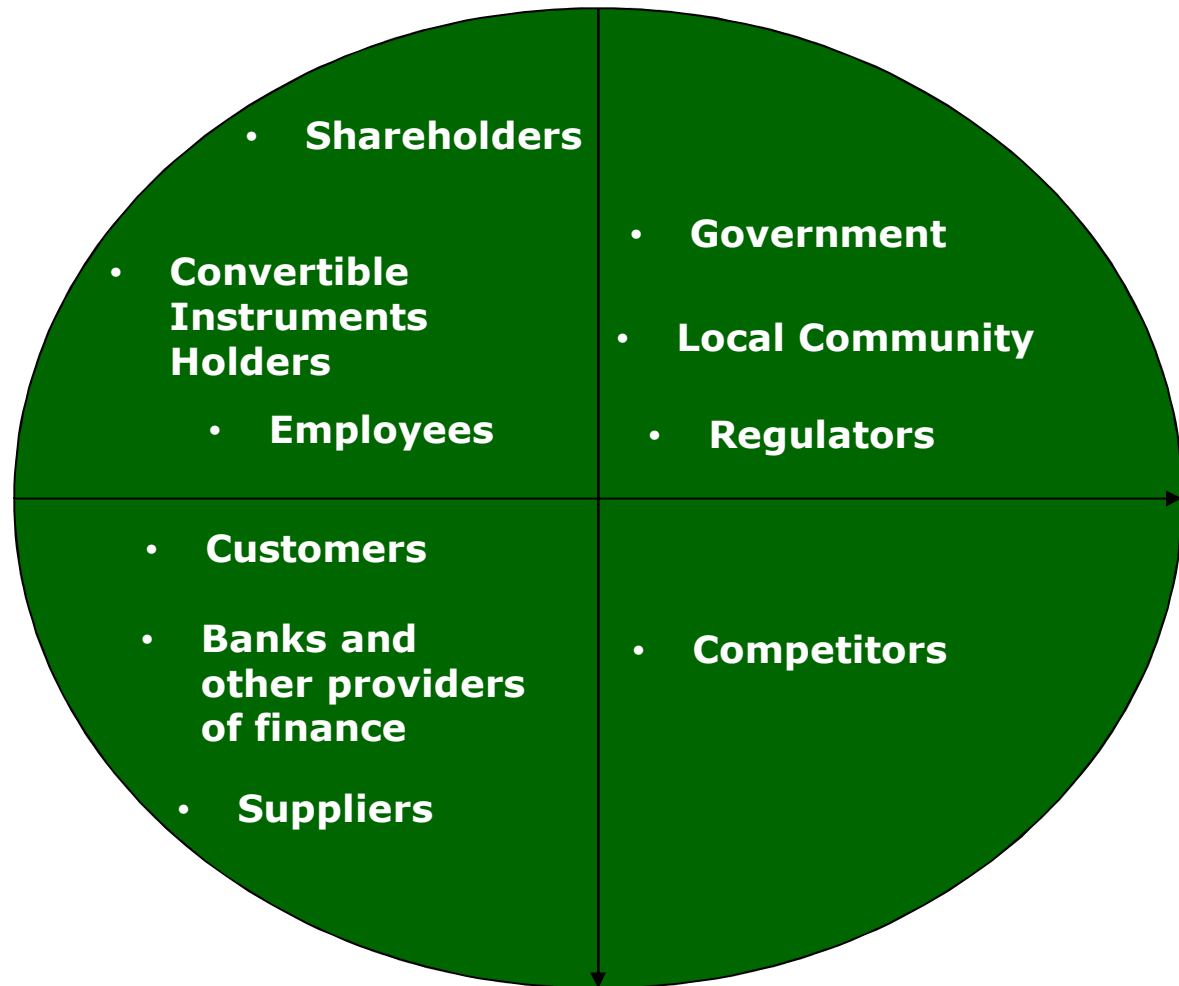
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Key Stakeholders



- A stakeholder has been defined as an individual or group with interest in either the target or bidding firm.
- They need to be considered and engaged prior to embarking on an M&A deal.
- Efforts should be directed at the most important stakeholder groups.



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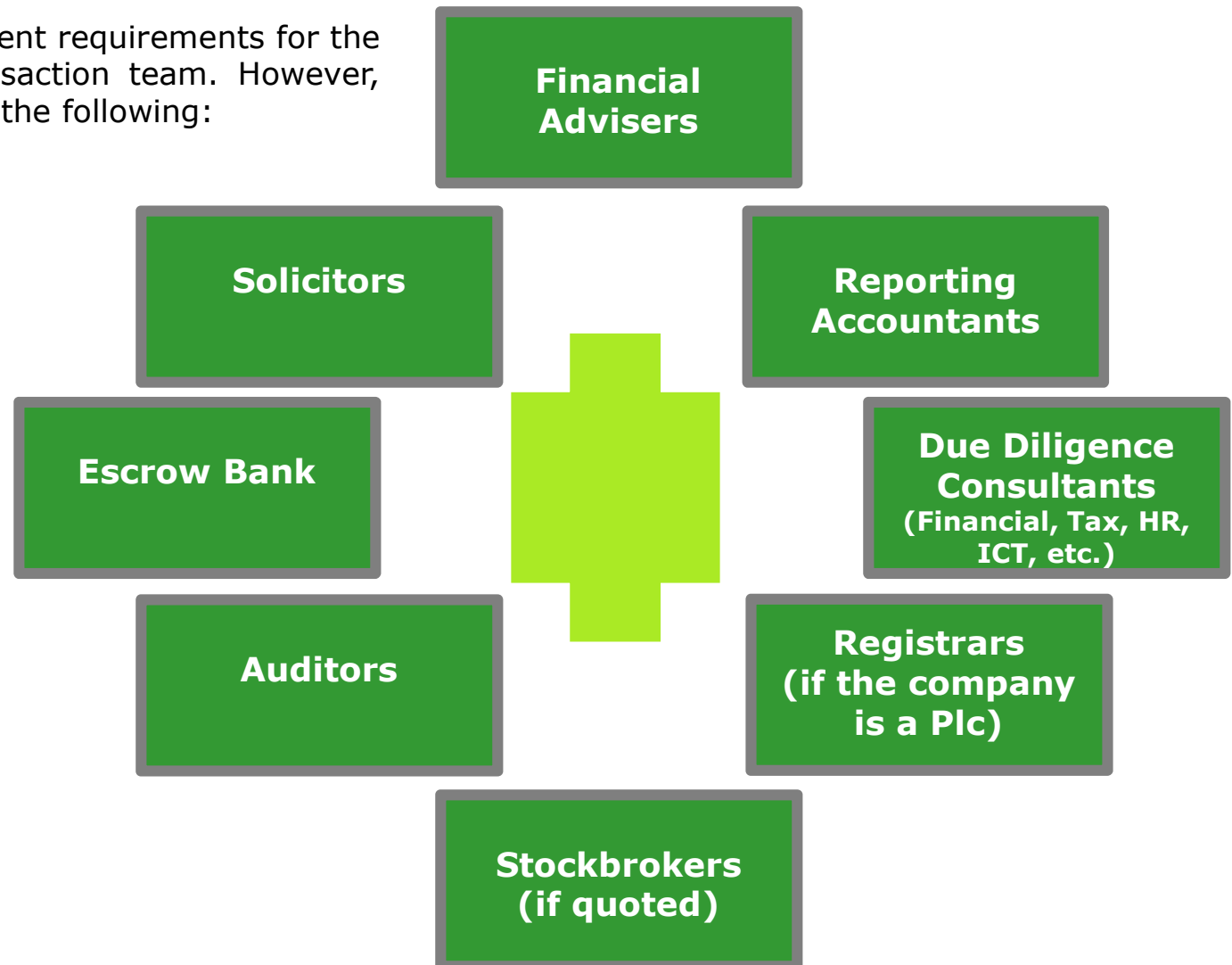
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The Professional Parties



- Companies have different requirements for the composition of a transaction team. However, most teams consist of the following:



Criteria for Selecting Professional Parties



■ Experience

Track record of delivering transactions of this nature is key. An understanding of the processes involved cannot be overemphasized.

■ Knowledge of the company's industry

Many aspects of M&A deals are driven by industry-specific standards and practices. Having professional parties with exposure to your industry is important.

■ Competence.

A team of M&A experts with required execution skills and capacity will do the transaction a lot of good.

■ Accessibility

Parties should be those that will devote time to the transaction.

■ Teamwork

Parties are not expected to work in isolation. They must work hand-in-hand as a unit working towards a common good.

■ Complementarity

Each party should complement the other. They should have similar work ethic, especially because there can be an overlap in responsibilities and efforts in some cases.

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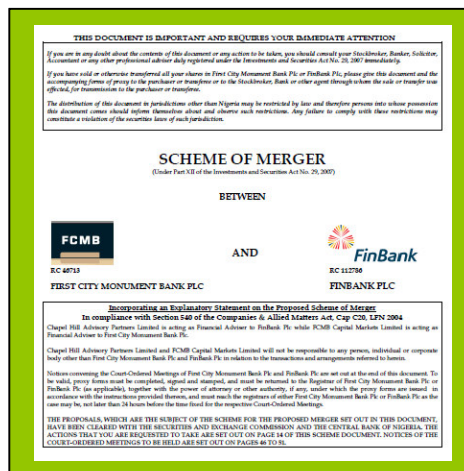
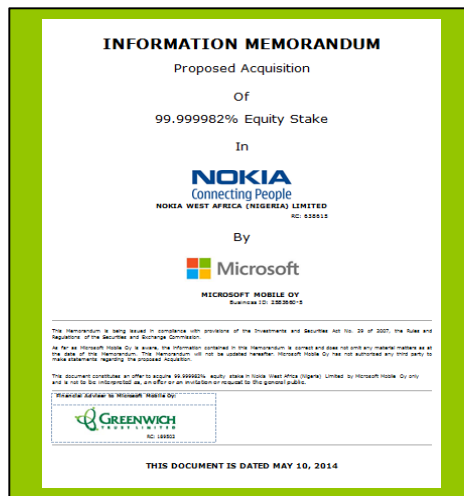
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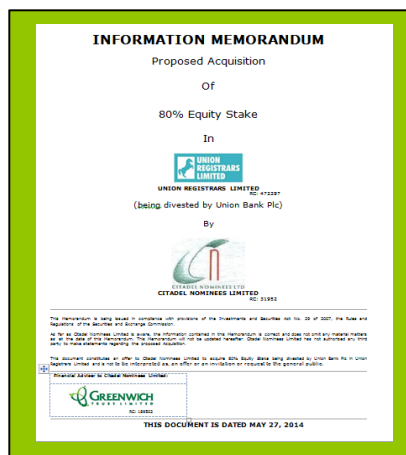
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The Financial Adviser's Role



- Evaluate the companies, conduct valuation and propose a feasible structure for a seamless transaction.
- The financial advisers provide guidance to clients on the appointment of other parties based on extensive experience on capital market transactions.
- Coordinate the activities of the other professional parties.
- Market the acquirer/target company to interested targets/acquirers and facilitate the consummation of the transaction.
- Preparation of relevant documents such as Scheme of Merger, Information Memorandum, Scheme of Arrangements, etc.
- File relevant applications and obtain approvals with regulators and help in issuing new shares where necessary.
- Facilitate the acquirer's ability to fund the transaction.

Roles Played by Other Professional Parties



Solicitor

- Legal due diligence
- Legal opinions
- Draft Agreements
- Ensure overall legal compliance



Reporting Accountant

- Carry out financial due diligence
- Prepare reports on historical financial results
- Prepare memorandum on the company's profit forecasts
- Review financial disclosures in the Information Memorandum/Scheme of Merger

Roles Played by Other Professional Parties



Sell Side Advisers

Sale of **71.2%** equity stake in **Oasis Insurance Plc**

Sole Financial Adviser



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Auditors

- Prepare full year audit
- Review financial disclosures in the Information Memorandum/Scheme of Merger
- Provide working papers and other relevant financial documents required by Reporting Accountants



Stockbrokers

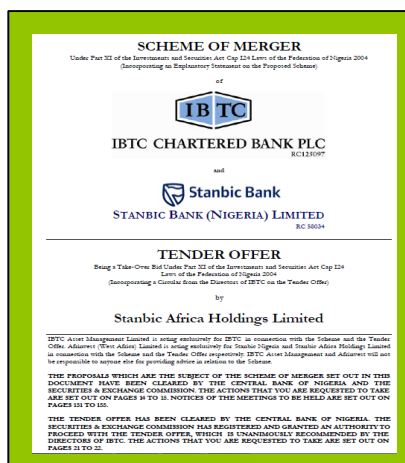
- Prepare NSE application for enlarged entities that are interested in becoming listed
- Liaise with NSE and obtain requisite approvals
- Coordinate listing day activities

Roles Played by Other Professional Parties



Escrow Banks

- Maintain account for the receipt of proceeds in an escrow account
- Manage disbursement of proceeds in accordance with the terms of the executed agreement



Registrars

- Credit CSCS accounts with revised share allotment
- Print new share certificates and dispatch to shareholders without CSCS account
- Issue new certificate for change of name if applicable

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Conclusion



- How successful and efficient an M&A deal becomes is partly a function of the quality of professional Parties that partake in its execution.
- To maximize the chances of success, M&A Parties should be carefully selected based on the criteria set out in section 3 of this paper.
- Appointment of Parties should be made well in advance to enable them properly prepare for what usually is a very engaging and rigorous exercise.

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